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FOLLOWING IS REPEAT LAGOS 3569 SENT ACTION SECSTATE
INFO GENEVA USUN APRIL 26:

QTE C O N F I D E N T I A L LAGOS 3569

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PINT, PFOR, UN, VN, VS, CB

SUBJECT: PRG AND KHMER ISSUES IN WHA

REF: STATE 83517

1. DUE TO TEMPORARY ABSENCE FROM LAGOS AT UNGA
OF PRINCIPAL MEA OFFICIALS CONCERNED WITH PRG AND
KHMER ISSUES, EMBASSY HAS REFRAINED FROM MAKING
APPROACH SUGGESTED REFTTEL. HOWEVER, THERE IS NO
EVEDENCE FMG'S POSITION HAS CHANGED FROM THAT
PREVIOUSLY OUTLINED LAST NOVERMBER IN LAGOS 9063.
AS NOTED AT THE TIME, FMG CONSIDERS PROBLEMS OF
CAMBODIA AND PRG REPRESENTATION AS BEING SECONDARY
ISSUES NOT AFFECTING ITS VITAL INTERESTS (DESPITE
ITS SUPPORT, ALBEIT LUKEWARM, OF THE NON-ALIGNED
CONSENSUS REACHED IN ALGIERS) AND IS PRIMIARILY
CONCERNED WITH REMAINING IN STEP WITH OTHER OAU
AND MAC COUNTRIES. NIGERIANS ARE UNRESPONSIVE
TO OUR ARGUMENTS ON THESE QUESTIONS, AND FURTHER
EFFORT HERE WILL SERVE ONLY TO PROVOKE THEIR
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IRRITATION WITHOUT OFFERING ANY PROSPECT OF

SUCCESS.

2. IF SIHUES COME TO VOTE AT WHA IN GENEVA, DECISION
WILL ALMOST CERTAINLY BE LEFT TO JUDGMENT OF NIGERIAN
DEL ON BASIS OF TACTICAL SITUATION WITHOUT REFERENCE
TO LAGOS. GIVEN FACT THEIR BASIC GUIDELINES WILL
BE TO AVOID ISOLATION FROM NAC CONSENSUS, ABSTENTION
APPEARS BEST WE CAN HOPE FOR ON THESE TWO QUESTIONS.
SUGGEST THAT US DEL AND/OR INTERESTED ASIAN NATIONS
APPROACH NIGERIAN DEL IN GENEVA WITH VIEW AT LEAST
INSURING AGAINST AFFIRMATIVE NIGERIAN VOTE, WHICH
COULD OCCUR IF NON-ALIGNED ARE SUFFICIENTLY COHESIVE
THAT ABSTENTION WOULD LEAVE NIGERIANS FEELING
UNCOMFORTABLY ALONE.

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